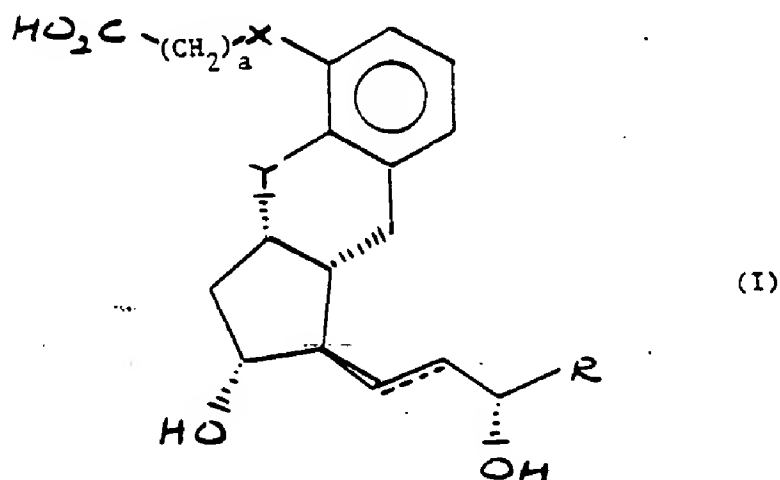


ABSTRACTCompounds for use in medicine

The present invention is concerned with methods for the prophylaxis, treatment and diagnosis of pulmonary hypertension which comprise the administration of an effective amount of a compound of formula (I)

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P₁ wherein a is an integer of from 1 to 3;

P_{1,13} X and Y, which may be the same or different, are selected from -O- and -CH₂-;

P_{1,13} R is -(CH₂)₅R¹ wherein R¹ is hydrogen or methyl, or R is cyclohexyl, or

P_{1,13,57} R is -CH(CH₃)CH₂C≡CCH₃; and

P₁ the dotted line represents an optional double bond;

P₅ or of a physiologically acceptable salt or acid derivative thereof.

P_A Medicaments and diagnostic aids for use in the methods of the invention are also within the scope of the invention.